

REESE GAVE UP BRIDE FOR \$400, SAYS TWOMBLY

Defendant in \$50,000 Dam-
age Suit Shows Agreement
Signed by Husband.

PLANNED AN ANNULMENT

Charged That Girl Was Lured
in Auto and Forced
to Wed.

The suit for \$50,000 filed by Francis W. Reese, automobile supplies dealer, against W. Irving Twombly, inventor and salesman, charging the latter with alienating the affections of Mrs. Helen Long Reese, became a bit more complicated today when Twombly, through his attorney, displayed a written agreement signed by Reese on Dec. 1 that:

"I, the undersigned, agree to allow my wife, Mrs. Francis Reese, formerly Miss Ethel Long, to obtain an annulment of our marriage without opposition from me as we have never lived together as man and wife, and we both believe it to be for our own mutual good that the marriage be annulled. It is understood and agreed that money I have recently spent on her aggregating about \$400 be paid back as soon as the marriage be annulled."

(Signed)

"FRANCIS W. REESE."

Attorney Burdick, representing Mr. Twombly, said that he would make use of this document in fighting the case against Twombly. He said he did not believe, however, that the case would be brought to trial. Mr. Twombly said he was willing to lay a good sized wager that the case would not be pressed in the courts.

"Reese admitted to me right in my office after he came East from California that he always carried a revolver," said Mr. Twombly. "I have not the slightest doubt that the story told by Mrs. Reese is true in every detail."

"As for me, I knew nothing about the marriage till two weeks after she returned from Los Angeles, where she was married to Reese against her will on July 29, 1915. The girl called me up, and we met at dinner. She told me that three years ago when she was about seventeen years old, and Reese about thirty-two, a sort of an engagement existed between them. She said she never considered it seriously, however."

"She said she was always afraid of Reese because of his wild jealousy. She said they would be going to theatre or taking a walk and in case she bowed to a man or talked to some man, Reese would tell her that if she paid any attention to any man he would shoot her, or throw acid in her face or slash her face so that her good looks would be ruined."

"When she started for the San Francisco Exposition last summer with some of her friends, she determined for some reason which I could never understand, to stop off in Los Angeles, where Reese was staying, and see him. She explained to me that she wanted to have everything over with, and to tell him that she could never marry him. Why she did not send him a note is more than I can say."

"Well, Reese met her at the station in Los Angeles. She told him that she would not stop, but he induced her to enter his automobile on promise that he would drive to the next station ahead, where she could catch the train on which her friends were. After she entered the machine, she told me, Reese displayed his revolver, threatening to shoot her if she did not marry him right there and then. He had a wedding ring and a marriage license in his pocket, and drove her, so she says, to a justice of the peace in a suburb of Los Angeles, where they were married."

"He was putting up his machine after the marriage when she skipped away. She did not go to San Francisco, but went back to Chicago, where she rejoined her friends. After the argument which Reese signed affecting the marriage annulment, Reese came back and demanded \$1,000 from his wife for not opposing the annulment. He threatened her in my hearing to expose the whole case and subject her to unpleasant notoriety if she did not pay this sum. Mrs. Reese refused to pay it."

Neither Mr. Twombly nor Mr. Burdick, his attorney, would disclose the whereabouts of Mrs. Reese. They said her family was down South, and could Reese be found. His sister, Mrs. W. F. Cassidy of No. 738 Riverside Drive, said that her brother was somewhere in New York, but would not be at her home today.

Twombly said that he had been introduced to Mrs. Reese, then Miss Long, by his wife, some three years ago. He said he had only the interest of a friend in her. Mr. Twombly said he and Mrs. Twombly had been separated for about seven years, but that they were the best of friends, and that no divorce suit was pending.

Major F. H. E. Ebstein dies.

Had Splendid Army Record—Once Deputy Police Commissioner.

Major F. H. E. Ebstein, U. S. A., retired, died today at his home, No. 1302 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, of heart disease after an illness of a few hours.

Major Ebstein was born in Breslau, Germany, in 1847; he was brought to this country when a boy and attended the River View Military Academy at Pittsburgh. He entered the army at the beginning of the Civil War and later he served in Indian campaigns and in the Spanish-American War. He was retired in 1891.

Commissioner of Police Partridge made Major Ebstein his first deputy in 1901. In 1905 he was appointed Deputy Register of Kings County, and recently he was designated as Receiver of Taxes for Brooklyn by Comptroller Frederick. He was at his office attending to his duties yesterday. The funeral will be at his home Thursday evening.

Major Ebstein was a member of the Board of Governors of the Union League Club of Brooklyn, a member of the Hamilton and Army and Navy Clubs, of Flatbush Lodge, F. and A. M., Grand Post G. A. R. and the Loyal Legion.

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Geraldine Farrar Used to Say

All the Thousand Oaths
Prima Donna Has Sworn
That She Never Would
Wed Go for Naught
Now She Has Found
Her Man.

Scathing Blasts Against
the Tie That Binds—
and There Were Many
of Them—Subside in
an Equally Violent Con-
version to Matrimony.

By Nikola Greeley-Smith.

Geraldine Farrar has found her man and she is going to marry him.

Geraldine who swore a thousand oaths that she would never marry; Geraldine who said no man living could hold her interest for thirty minutes;

Geraldine who declared that domesticity and art can never mix; Geraldine who said that you cannot learn a grand opera role with a squalling baby in the next room;

Geraldine who said no man could ever mean to her what her ART does; Geraldine who told me she would never, never wed because how could she tell that she might not get tired of eating her cake before she was half through with it—yes, all those Geraldines and many, many more who have scoffed and sneered at holy matrimony will speak today the fatal words which will make her the wife of Lou Tellegen, once Sarah Bernhardt's leading man and now one of the best known actors of the American stage.

Never before in the records of operatic celebrities has a young woman delivered so many scathing blasts against the tie that binds. The history of all interviews with Geraldine Farrar is the history of a conversation which somehow or other always managed to finish with protests and asseverations that never—so help every particle of intelligence she possesses—would the fair Farrar exchange the certainties of her artist's life for the uncertainties of matrimony.

One night the loveliest prima donna that has ever sung at the Metropolitan—our Geraldine, everybody's Geraldine, but NO MAN'S Geraldine—developed for me in her flower-laden dressing room her anti-matrimonial philosophy.

"Men," she said, "are like cakes in a bag. After you have begun to eat the cake with the green icing you think perhaps you would like the one with pink icing better. You try that and a yearning for chocolate seizes you. You put that aside, for the cake still in the bottom of the bag allures. Now, I shall never marry because marriage means eating one cake all your life and keeping on eating it whether you like it or not. You know, I should not like to have to keep on eating my cake after I had had enough."

This conversation took place before Miss Farrar went to California to act in the movies and to meet the man of destiny, Lou Tellegen. It is only fair to say this, because Mr. Tellegen combines apparently all the flavors. He is green icing and pink icing, chocolate, coconut, maple and marbled cake. Else, why should Geraldine forswear all her vows and undertake, as she is doing to-day, to eat one particular cake forever and ever? (Echo, "ever and ever.")

In view of her violent and sudden conversion to matrimony it is interesting to consider a few of the Farrar epigrams against marriage. But in considering them, remember that Geraldine said them all before she met Lou Tellegen. And to-day, publicly, she takes them back.

Geraldine Farrar, youngest and most beautiful of prima donnas, has had many opportunities to marry. She was for some years reported engaged to Antonio Scotti. When she was a student and later a successful singer in Germany she was the object of very marked attentions from the Crown Prince, then unmarried, and it was reported that the heir to the Hohenzollerns had offered to surrender his rights to the throne if she would marry him. Grand dukes figured conspicuously in the Farrar train of adulators; but once, on arriving in this country after a trip abroad, she proclaimed her policy, at least in the matter of archducal marriages, by declaring that "granddukes are not worth a damn."

Here are a few of the declarations of independence made by Miss Farrar in the last few years:

1910.

"I never shall marry; I never have intended to marry. I am old-fashioned enough to think a woman should be subordinate to her husband, and I can't work, and I don't want to live if I can't work."

DEC. 8, 1912.

"People's morals don't interest me. Yet many in this country go to the streets to watch a woman portray faithfully every shade of passion, its joys and pains, its heartache, its surrender, and these same people expect the actress's life to be free from experience. They even deny her inspiration. She must, I suppose, get her lessons from a dramatic school and not from life."

AUGUST, 1915.

"You can't learn a role with a baby squalling in the next room. One can be a splendid, fine woman and a great

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"You can't study a role with a baby squalling in the next room."

"No man could ever mean to me what my ART does."



LOU TELLEGEN

artist, but not a great artist and a mother."

"Hypocrisy is at the bottom of all these stories about happily married stage stars. They would give their ten fingers if they dared to say so. They know to respectability."

"They enter into a partnership where they know beforehand they cannot fulfil all the demands of each. Either they must leave the theatre or leave marriage."

In the very interesting conversation I had with Miss Farrar about men and cakes she discussed the morals of Carmen, who left one man for another, and said that Carmen was neither moral nor immoral—just "a natural woman."

"Carmen," she said, "saw a man who attracted her. She took him. Then she tired of him and she left him for another man." She is like a child who sees a piece of cake and wants it. She takes it. If the cake falls when it is but half eaten she sees no reason why she should go on pretending to like it. You see, she has had enough of that particular cake and she thinks that the one with the pink icing still in the bottom of the bag may be a little more interesting."

"You know," Miss Farrar added, "I do not hold these views about marriage for everybody—only for me. It would be a great mistake if everybody felt as I do. I'm a Pagan. I don't know where I came from, where I am going. This is the only life I know anything about, and I am going to live it."

The singer's red lips set firmly. It seemed to me, then, that she meant to apply Gen. Joffre's policy of nibbling to eat the nice cakes in the bakery window. But that was before she met Tellegen-chocolate-maple-coconut cake of all flavors, and Geraldine's husband, starting to-day.

GERMAN BANKERS BACK GOVERNMENT IN LUSITANIA CASE

Reported to Oppose Dis-
avowal or Admission of
Illegality in Sinking.

BERLIN, via Amsterdam, Feb. 8.—Leading German bankers and financiers with large interests in America likely to be affected by a break between the two countries are standing firmly behind the Foreign Office in its refusal to disavow the sinking of the Lusitania.

This much was learned to-day upon adjournment of the conference of big financial men and corporation directors. Leading bankers expressed the hope that there would be no severance of friendly relations between the United States and Germany, but agreed that the Government could not admit the sinking of the Lusitania was an illegal act.

The latest reports from America, indicating the crisis may already have passed, were reflected on the stock market, where all issues influenced by the German-American controversy turned stronger during yesterday's trading. Berlin financiers are inclined to be cautious and not too optimistic. They are awaiting the first public statement from Washington.

American business men in Germany, with no authoritative information on the situation at Washington, are appointing to Ambassador Gerard to tell them what to do. Several visited the Embassy today. Clerks were busy answering messages by telegraph and telephone from American cities in other German cities who have heard that a diplomatic break is likely and are asking the Embassy to advise them whether they should be prepared to leave Germany.

The Embassy is not attempting to advise any of these inquirers.

Kitchener leaves the War Office, he will "undertake work of an important character elsewhere."

The announcement of the Court of appeals yesterday that a man living in New York had been sentenced to six months in prison for assisting the German cause, was regarded as being possibly of considerable significance, taken in connection with the fact that Lord Kitchener also had a long audience with the King a few days ago. Major Gen. Calwell is head of the Bureau of Military Intelligence.

The sketch says that in case Lord

But, After All, She's A Bride



GERALDINE FARRAR

Advertisement for Geraldine Farrar's marriage.

BRITISH HOLD UP A SPEECH BY BRYAN PRINTED IN BERLIN

Pamphlets Found in the Mails
Were Intended for Distribu-
tion in South America.

LONDON, Jan. 26 (by mail).—William J. Bryan is under the ban of the British postal authorities. Several thousand pamphlets printed in Germany containing Bryan's speech on "British Rule in India" have been held up. They will never reach the United States or South American neutrals for whom they were intended.

England is destroying tons of books, pamphlets and newspapers printed in Germany and shipped by the Germans to neutral countries. Thousands of bags of what the authorities call "brain fodder" have been taken from ships en route to America and deposited at the India House in Kings-

way. The postal authorities declare they will strip every neutral mail bag within their reach of what they consider "German propaganda."

Large quantities of merchandise, shipped from Germany in spite of the British blockade, are held in the India House and will never reach their destinations. Frank Buckner, No. 1 Union Square West, New York, for instance, will never receive the 2,000 violin strings he ordered from Germany. They are at the India House, along with a mass of sheet music consigned to Breitkopf & Hartel of No. 22 West Thirty-eighth Street, New York, and a batch of picture frames for M. Neefe of Atlas, S. D.

Dozens of packets of books and pamphlets for R. Sachse, No. 1425 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D. C., will never reach him. Mailings for Dr. F. W. Eiler, No. 5817 Twenty-seventh Street, and W. Gramme, No. 1918 Fourteenth Street, Washington, have been stopped.

Archbishop Roache Arrives.

Archbishop Edward Patrick Roache, Metropolitan of Newfoundland, was a passenger on the steamship Stephano, which arrived to-day. The Archbishop was accompanied by his chaplain, the Rev. J. McQuinn. Archbishop Roache is but forty-two years old and is the youngest prelate of his rank in the Church. The Archbishop of Winnipeg is but thirty-nine years old, but he has not been consecrated as yet. Archbishop Roache is here for a rest. He was met at the pier by a delegation of clergymen.

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